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BRITAIN is
Getting Married..."

...and his
BACHELOR is
PARTY a
Real Surprise!

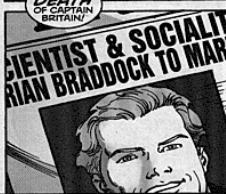
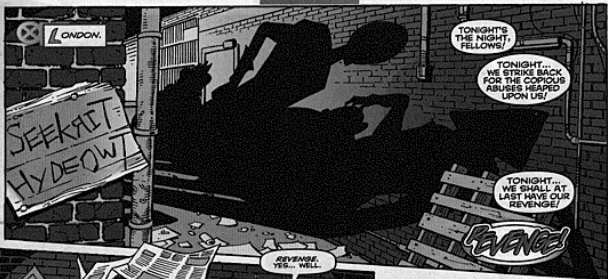
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BRADDOCK MANOR -- HOME OF THE
AFOREDOOMED CAPTAIN BRITAIN.

INSIDE OF US, WE
BOTH KNOW YOU BELONG
WITH VICTOR. YOU'RE
PART OF HIS WORK. THE
THING THAT KEEPS
HIM GOING.

IF THAT PLANE
LEAVES THE GROUND
AND YOU'RE NOT
WITH HIM, YOU'LL
REGRET IT.

MAYBE
NOT TODAY...
MAYBE NOT
TOMORROW... BUT
SOON, AND FOR
THE REST OF
YOUR LIFE.

BUT
WHAT
ABOUT
US... P

WE'LL
ALWAYS
HAVE
PARIS.

BAMF

ACH,
HERE YOU ARE!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING
ALL OVER THE
MANOR FOR YOU,
POTR.

BRIAN'S
BACHELOR
PARTY IS ABOUT
TO BEGIN. WHAT
ARE YOU DOING
HERE ALL BY
YOURSELF?

I
CANNOT
FACE HIM,
KURT. NOT
YET.



Stan Lee
presents
MARVEL

SOMEONE



BRIAN,
MY LOVE —
NO, THAT'S
PLAIN
RHUF.

MY
DEAREST,
BRIAN — MAMA
NOT THAT EITHER
TOO CORNY.

SWEETHEART...
I KNOW THIS IS
A PECULIAR TIME
TO MENTION
THIS, BUT —

ben
RAAB
writer

dale
EAGLESHAM
penciler

scott
HANNA
inker

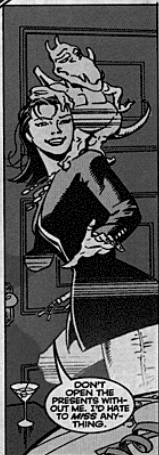
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SURPRISE!





WELL, I'M OFF.
SEE YOU BRIGHT
AND EARLY --
--MRS.
BRADDOCK.

SLAK



SEE
YA.

Y'VE
NAE TOLD
HIM YET,
HAVE
YEP

I -- I
CAN'T TELL
BRIAN! HE'LL
CALL OFF THE
WEDDING AND
NEVER WANT
TO SEE ME
AGAIN!

HE'LL
ABSOLUTELY
HATE ME.



TELL BRIAN
WHAT?

OF
FEELINGS
SHE HAD FOR
PIOTR
RASPUTIN.

THE
RUSSIAN?P
OH, HE IS
CUTE!

MUST
I BE THE
BEARER THE BAD
NEWS? COULDN'T
ONE OF YOU? IT
MIGHT HURT HIM
LESS, AND WOULD
MEAN SO MUCH
TO ME! PLEASEP



YOU'RE NOT A
CHILD ANYMORE,
MEGGAN. YOU'RE
ABOUT TO BECOME
A MARRIED
WOMAN.

IT'S
TIME YOU
STOOD UP FOR YOUR-
SELF.

AMEN,
SISTER!



I -- I KNOW, AND
I WANT TO. IT'S
JUST THE THOUGHT
OF LOSING BRIAN
SCARES ME
SO.

THERE MUST BE
SOMEONE WHO
CAN HELP ME.
SOMEONE WHO
UNDERSTANDS
THE BIND
I'M IN.



"SOMEONE..."

I MISSED
SOMETHING...
DIDN'T I?



TO CAPTAIN
BRITAIN --
LONG MAY HE
BEAR THE
STANDARD!

HEAR!
HEAR!

YEAH/ TO BAPTAIN
CRITAIN/ LONG
MAY HE -- HIC --
BEAR THE
SSSHTANDARD!

LIQUOR
IS NOTHING TO
BE TRIFLED WITH,
DOUGLOCK.
PERHAPS
YOU'VE HAD
ENOUGH.



WHO -- HIC! --
MEP NAAAAAH.



MY ALIEN -- HIC --
PHYSSSHYIOLOGY
ISSH REZZZLENT
ENUFF TO -- HIC --
HANDLE YOUR
TERRESSSHTRIAL
INEBRANTSSH.

THISSSH *VODKA*
IS THE VLESSSHIT
-- HIC --
SSSHUBSSSHANCE
I HAVE EVER
INGESSSHITED --



-- BUT I AM
SSSSSTRANGELY
COMPELLED TO
CONSSSHUME --



-- MORE... P



DON'T
SAY I DIDN'T
WARN YOU.

W
HOMP







UH UH
NO WAY. I AM
NOT GETTING
INVOLVED.

BUT
WHY NOT,
KITTY?

YOU'VE
KNOWN BRIAN
ALMOST AS LONG
AS I HAVE. HE'LL
LISTEN TO YOU.
YOU'RE LIKE
FAMILY.

BESIDES,
YOU UNDER-
STAND WHAT I'M
GOING THROUGH.
I DON'T WANT
TO LOSE BRIAN
LIKE YOU
LOST --



OH,
KITTY. I'M
SO SORRY.
I NEVER
MEANT...



YOU'RE
RIGHT, MEG.
I **DO**
UNDERSTAND
WHAT YOU'RE
GOING
THROUGH.

THERE'S NOTHING MORE
PAINFUL THAN LOSING
SOMEONE VERY SPECIAL --
SOMEONE YOU **LOVE** --
BECAUSE OF FEELINGS
YOU COULDN'T
CONTROL.

I HAD
TO LEARN
THAT LESSON
THE **HARD** WAY. SO
BELIEVE ME, I WOULD
DO ANYTHING TO
SPARE YOU THE
EXPERIENCE
OF IT...

BUT I
CAN'T.



YOU
HAVE TO DO
THIS BY YOUR-
SELF, FOR
YOURSELF.
TRUST
ME.



LUCKY
MAN,
AREN'T I?



GASP!

WHOA,
THERE, CHAP, NO
NEED TO ARMOR UP
ON MY ACCOUNT.
JUST MAKING POLITE
CONVERSATION
IS ALL.

FORGIVE
ME, COMRADE
BRADDOCK.
YOU STARTLED
ME.



I WAS JUST ADMIRING
THE PHOTOGRAPH, YOU
BOTH LOOK VERY...
HAPPY.



WE WERE. WE
ARE. I HOPE
WE ALWAYS
WILL BE.

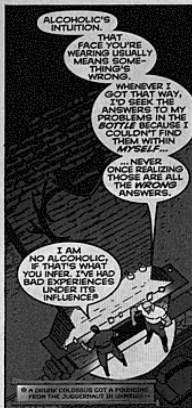
SHE'S MY WORLD.
THAT GIRL. I DON'T
KNOW WHAT I'D DO
IF ANYTHING EVER
CAME BETWEEN
US AGAIN.



I CAN
IMAGINE.

HMMMP
SOMETHING
ON YOUR
MIND, OLD
BOY?

WH-
WHAT MAKES
YOU SAY
THAT?













AND NOW, MEIN
HERREN, FOR SOME-
THING COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT!

WATCH
OUT NOW, YOU
LUCKY DOGS! HOT
STUFF COMIN'
THRU!

I SAY,
THIS IS A RATHER
UNEXPECTED TREAT!
I WONDER WHAT
OTHER SURPRISES
KURT HAS IN
STORE?



A
SURPRISE FOR
WHICH YOU WILL
PAY WITH YOUR
VERY LIFE. BURN
BRADDOCK!

TOO
LONG HAVE I
WAITED TO AVENGE
MYSELF UPON
YOU! BUT THE TIME
FOR WAITING
IS OVER!

NOW --
IT'S TIME TO
DIE!



RESIST AT
YOUR PERIL,
OAF!

SUBMIT,
AND YOUR
DEATH MAY
BE A SWIFT
ONE!

SWISH

THE
CRAZY GANG'S
EXECUTIONER?!
IF HE'S HERE, THEN
THE REST OF THOSE
DAFFY DEMENTOIDS
MUST BE... ON DEAR,



THIS IS A
PRIVATE
PARTY. IT
WOULD BE IN
YOUR BEST
INTEREST TO
LEAVE.

HEY!
THAT'S MINE!
GIVE IT BACK,
YOU TIN-PLATED
TERROR.



BAMF

YOU'LL
GET YOUR
TOYS BACK ONCE
WE'VE GOTTEN A
GOOD LOOK
AT YOU.

NO! YOU
MUSTN'T --!

MY,
AREN'T WE
BENEFIT
SURELY, UNDER-
NEATH IT, YOU'RE
NOT --

-- NAKED?
UNGLAUBLICH.

FRODO?!

UM...
ER...
UM...
HELLO.

WHAT IN
THE WORLD ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?!

I -- I'D
RATHER NOT
SAY... IT'S
TOO... TOO...
HUMILIATING.

YOU'LL
GET OVER IT.
NOW,
SPILL.

I SUPPOSE
IT CAN'T GET
MUCH MORE
EMBARRASSING
THAN THIS.

WELL, IT ALL BEGAN
WHEN YOU HAD
DISAPPEARED INTO
THE TIMESTREAM,
CAPTAIN
BRITAIN...®

® WE GOT LOST SOME-
WHERE BETWEEN
THE 60s AND THE 70s
AND WE -- FRANK.



"... YOUR COMPANION, MEGGAN, HAD FALLEN INTO SUCH A DISMAL STATE, THERE SEEMED NO WAY TO BRING HER OUT OF IT. I FIGURED MY *BROGUE ABILITIES* WOULD SUFFICE, BUT I NEVER REALIZED HOW POWERFUL HER *EMPATHY* COULD BE.

"HER DESPAIR INFECTED ME... OVERWHELMED ME... AND I, TOO, SUCCUMBED TO GRIEF.



"SINCE I WAS UNABLE TO MAINTAIN MY *CORPOREAL FORM*, THE *ICE WHISKER* TOOK ME AWAY FROM BRADDOCK MANOR.

"ONE WITH THE CURRENT, I WAS CHANNELLED EVERY WHICH WAY THROUGHOUT THE BRITISH ISLES UNTIL I EMERGED IN A STRANGE AND WONDROUS LAND.



"A PLACE CALLED HIGH STREET.

"I HAD BEEN CALLED THERE FOR A REASON. AN UNKNOWN PURPOSE THAT IMMEDIATELY BECAME APPARENT SOON AS I SAW --



"-- THEM."

THEY SAY DEATH COMES TO US ALL, OLD FRIEND. WE HOPE YOU'LL COME BACK FOR US SOMEDAY, TOO.

"IF I WAS TO HAVE MY REVENGE, I WOULD NEED ALLIES.



"SYCOPHANTIC LACKEYS WHO WOULD FALL UPON MY EVERY COMMAND AND WORSHIP THE GROUND ABOVE WHICH I MUST FOREVER HOVER.



"I GOT THE CRAZY GANG, INSTEAD."

NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL SERVICE!

HYUK!



SOON AFTER, THE MERRIMENT ENSUES (AT A MUCH MORE CIVIL PACE)...

WELL NOW, YOU'RE MUCH LOVELIER THAN PRIVATEER ALBION. FANCY A MUTUAL GO AT THE FULL MONTY UPSTAIRS...?

UHHH... ARE YOU USUALLY THIS FORWARD WITH MEN, CAPTAIN U.K.?

ONLY THE BIG ONES.

BETTER GET IT OVER WITH SOON, MEGGAN.

NOW! HERE I'N FRONT OF ALL THESE PEOPLE!

MMMMM! EEEH! HYUK! HYUK!

NO BETTER TIME THAN THE PRESENT.

YOU'RE RIGHT. IF I'M TRULY GOING TO BE MRS. BRIAN BRADDOCK* THE REST OF MY LIFE —
— THEN I MUST BE COMPLETELY OPEN AND HONEST WITH MY HUSBAND, HOWEVER PAINFUL THE TRUTH.

SCARED?
TERRIFIED.

